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REMARKS

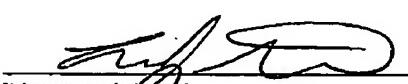
Applicant respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth above prior to examining the above-referenced application.

Applicant adds new claims 29-40 directed to a suspension system for supporting a foot. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification, the original claims, and the drawings, for example, in paragraphs 0019, 0021-0023, 0025, 0026, and 0030-0032. No new matter is added.

Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned in the event that such communication might expedite prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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